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RESORBABLE COMPONENT

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ELECTION OF SPECIES

In reviewing the Restriction Requirement, Species V, referring to FIGS. 11A – 11B, reads on claims 1-9, and Species VI, referring to FIGS 11C – 11D, reads on claims 10-15. All of the other species are subject of other patent applications or patents.

Applicant selects Species V for prosecution on the merits in this application; however, applicant makes this election with traverse, as Species VI is directed to the same components as Species V. As these are both femoral replacements, it is believed that they are essentially interchangeable, and all fifteen claims should be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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